

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE UPDATE OF THE DOOR COUNTY  
LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AND  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

**August 11, 2010  
Peninsula Conference Room - Government Center**

Business Conducted As Follows:

- 1) Hugh Mulliken called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- 2) Hugh Mulliken explained the purpose of the public hearing to receive comment on the draft Door County Land & Water Resource Management Plan. The plan will then be presented to DATCP & DNR for comment and then to the Land & Water Conservation Board for approval in October.
- 3) Brian Forest reviewed the outline of the plan, changes made, and explained that a plan must be prepared to make Door County eligible for cost-share funds. One major change is the prioritization of the workload.
- 4) No public comment.
- 5) Adjourned public hearing at 10:10 a.m. and called the regular monthly LCC meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.
- 6) Members present: Ryan Chaudoir, Cletus Fontaine, Joel Gunnlaugsson, Hugh Mulliken, and John Neinas.

Others present: Beth Hanson and William Schuster, SWCD. Present for a portion of the meeting: Greg Coulthurst, Brian Forest, Dale Konkol, Nick Peltier, and Amanda Surfus, SWCD; Supervisor Patrick Olson, and members of the public.

- 7) Cletus Fontaine made a motion, seconded by Joel Gunnlaugsson to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion carried.
- 8) Ryan Chaudoir made a motion, seconded by Joel Gunnlaugsson, approving the June 9, 2010 meeting minutes as written with a correction to the time called to order at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.
- 9) Under agenda item Public Participation:
  - Kevin Wilke reviewed an article on Pagels Ponderosa Farm regarding water quality and his concerns of just paving a farmer's backyard and dealing with runoff.
  - Patrick Olson stated he is a grazing farm and cattle are outside over winter.
  - Victoria Cerinich, on behalf of League of Women Voters, here as an observer, and a member of Sustained Door, reviewed another resource for the committee's use titled Transition Handbook, which addresses farm issues from the community impact, which is available at the library.

- 10) Nick Peltier introduced himself as the new SWCD employee and provided education and work experience background information.
- 11) William Schuster explained that after LCC approves the Land & Water Resource Management Plan, it will be sent to DNR & DATCP for comments, then sent to the Land & Water Conservation Board for approval in October, and then will come back to the LCC to forward to County Board. Cletus Fontaine made a motion, seconded by Ryan Chaudoir, approving the Land & Water Resource Management Plan as presented and forward to the Land & Water Conservation Board. Discussion followed clarifying the revision to the prioritization section. Motion carried.
- 12) Brian Forest explained the Workings Lands Initiative program which will expand and modernize the current Farmland Preservation program. Landowners claiming tax credits must be located in an area certified for farmland preservation and will have to submit a certification of compliance with soil and water conservation standards which has been issued by the county.
- 13) The LCC was provided with a list of recent landowners who have been notified of their standards and prohibitions compliance status.
- 14) Greg Coulthurst reviewed the renewal of the Gypsy Moth coordinator designation for Door County. This year will be the 6<sup>th</sup> extension of the original designation. Next year an RFP will be published for the coordinator designation. John Neinas made a motion, seconded by Joel Gunnlaugsson, approving a contract extension designating Barbara Piechocki as Door County's Gypsy Moth coordinator. Motion carried.
- 15) Under agenda item Detroit, Washington & Chambers Islands Phragmites Control Project
  - Greg Coulthurst updated the committee on a \$5,000 LNRP grant for treating phragmites on Detroit Island. Due to the accepted bid coming in lower than expected for the Detroit Island treatment, there will be money available to treat a portion of Washington Island.
  - Greg Coulthurst reported that Legacy Boggs LLC contacted the SWCD office to locate a place to restore wetlands. Legacy Boggs LLC will provide \$6,800 to the Chambers Island association to treat phragmites working directly with the Chambers Island Owners Association.
  - It was noted that the owners associations have been instrumental to complete these projects and to provide follow-up.
- 16) Greg Coulthurst reviewed the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant to Door County to support our invasive species control efforts. Cletus Fontaine made a motion, seconded by Ryan Chaudoir, to approve and forward to County Board, the resolution accepting a grant of \$48,900 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative/US Forest Service grant to support the invasive species control efforts in Door County. Motion carried.
- 17) William Schuster reported that SWCD preliminary approval was given to the SWCD Water Pollution Abatement Cost-share Program application of James Pontzloff in the amount of \$292.50 for well abandonment.
- 18) Amanda Surfus provided an update on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant of \$250,000 for installing best management practices at public beaches in Door County. Governor Doyle was in the County on August 2, 2010 announcing the grant. Seven beaches remain to

implement best management practices. SWCD will be meeting with these municipalities to offer cost-sharing to implement, giving them a deadline to respond.

- 19) Joel Gunnlaugsson made a motion, seconded by Ryan Chaudoir, to approve vouchers. Motion carried.
- 20) Next meeting dates – September 8, 2010-Tentative and October 13, 2010, 10:00 a.m.
- 21) John Neinas made a motion, seconded by Ryan Chaudoir, to adjourn at 11:22 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Hanson